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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Interim Report from the University of Maine at Presque Isle
Educator Preparation Program Review

BACKGROUND: The University of Maine at Presque Isle had requested a campus visit to review, for renewal, its teacher preparation programs in the following areas:

Elementary Education (K-8)

Secondary Education (7-12)

- Life Sciences
- English
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- Mathematics

Physical Education (K-12)

Health Education (K-12)

Foreign Language (K-12)

Arts Education (K-12)

An on-site Review Team visit was conducted February 12 – 15, 2012. Following the on-site visit the Team's report of findings was developed, reviewed by Team members in final draft, shared with the applicant to check for any errors of fact or figure, and assembled in final form for submission to the State Board. The Review Team's Report of Findings was distributed for receipt during the April 11, 2012 Board meeting. During this meeting the Board granted approval from Winter 2012 to Winter 2014 and required the Unit to develop and submit an Interim Report by January 31, 2014 which was to be limited to the Unit's response to the team's recommendations associated with Standards One and Two. The Interim Report was reviewed by Dr. Kathy Yardley who served as the 2012 Team Chair and has recommended that the report be approved by the Board. A copy of the Interim Report was distributed to Board members during the May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the UMPI Interim Report, and extend the period of state program approval regarding its Teacher Education Program, as noted above, through early winter 2016.

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